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A GOSPEL-Salutation IN *True Christian LOVE,* Recommended To FRIENDS,

Who Believe in the *Name* of the Son of God, the True LIGHT.

And to All, who truly desire to be grounded and setled in the FAITH of CHRIST.

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Joh. 8. 12. *I am the Light of the World, he that followeth me shall not walk in Darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.*

Joh. 12. 36. *While ye have the Light, believe in the Light, that ye may be the Children of the Light.*

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A Goſpel-Salutation, IN *True Chriſtian Love*, &c.

Beloved Friends,

NOW, in my Antient Years, after a long Travel and many Years Labours, in the Work of the Miniſtry of the Goſpel of our bleſſed Lord Jeſus Chriſt, a renewed Salutation of true and tender Love he hath laid upon me, and moved upon my Spirit to recommend unto you, by way of an Epiſtle, I being for ſometime diſabled in the outward Man from Travelling abroad as formerly; yet am inwardly often ſtrengthened and renewed in Spirit, through the Love and tender Mercies and Riches of the Grace of the Lord our God, which I have in his dear Son Chriſt Jeſus, to whom be Praiſe, Honour and Glory for evermore.

My dear and beloved Friends, I am as deeply and ſtill concerned in Spirit for the whole Family, Heritage and Church of God as ever; and for all whoſe Hearts are truly inclined by his divine Grace and good Spirit to ſeek him, and to be acquainted with him, that they may have eternal Life, by the Knowledge of the only true God and Jeſus Chriſt whom he hath ſent, for this is Life Eternal, the Intent, Subſtance and Glory of all true Chriſtian Religion: And that this Knowledge may encreaſe, and the Glory thereof ſpread in the Earth, is ſtill my Soul's Deſire and Breathing to the Lord our God.

And dearly Beloved, That in this Eternal Life, divine and ſpiritual Knowledge of the only true God and his Son Jeſus Chriſt, you all may grow, and your Souls proſper therein to God's Eternal Glory, and your everlaſting Peace, is my Soul's ſincere Deſire and Supplication to Him, who is the Father and Fountain of all our Mercies and Bleſſings afforded unto us, in and through his only begotten Son Jeſus Chriſt. O! Conſider, and diligently mind and remember the great Wiſdom and Love of our moſt gracious God, as the Cauſe of his giving his only begotten Son, that whoſoever believeth in him might not periſh, but have Everlaſting Life; who ſaid unto his Diſciples, *Let not your Heart be troubled,*

troubled, ye believe in God, believe alſo in me; in my Father's Houſe are many Manſions, if it were not ſo I would have told you: I go to prepare a Place for you: And if I go and prepare a Place for you, I will come again and receive you unto my ſelf, that where I am there ye may be alſo. Joh. 3. 16. Joh. 14 1, 2, 3.

Surely we believing in God, who gave his dear Son for our Redemption and Salvation, we ought alſo to believe in his Son as our great *Mediator* and *Advocate* with the Father; conſidering alſo, that Chriſt Jeſus his being given as our Mediator between God and Men, and his giving himſelf a Ranſom for all Men for a Teſtimony in due time, and his dying for all Men, his taſting Death for every Man, *&c.* did all proceed from the great Love of God, and not to pay a ſtrict or ridged Satisfaction to vindictive Juſtice, or Revenge on God's Part; for that would leave no Place for Forgiveneſs of Sins paſt, before Repentance and Faith in Chriſt and his Goſpel; ſeeing the good Will and bleſſed Deſign of God, ſetting forth Jeſus Chriſt to be a Propitiation, through Faith in *his Blood*, to declare his Righteouſneſs for the Remiſſion of Sins that are paſt, through the Forbearance of God, whoſe Blood cries for Mercy: Surely that Righteouſneſs, and Forbearance of God declared by the Propitiatory Sacrifice of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for the Remiſſion 1 Tim. 2. 4, 5, 6. 2 Cor. 5. 15. Heb. 2. 9. Rom. 3. 25.

or Forgiveneſs of Sins that are paſt (upon true Repentance) cannot juſtly be deem'd Revenge or vindictive Juſtice, as ſome have aſſerted againſt us; but a free Act of the Love and Wiſdom of God to give his Son, and *in him* to reconcile the World to himſelf, and not to impute their Sins that are paſt to them, when thorowly reconciled and united in Heart and Soul unto him, by his Grace and good Spirit.

2 Cor. 5. 19.

Oh! *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the Sin of the World:* In what reſpect does Jeſus Chriſt, as the Lamb of God, take away the Sin of the World? I anſwer, In two Reſpects; *1ſt*, As an Univerſal and moſt Excellent Offering and acceptable Sacrifice for Sin, (in order to obtain Redemption and Forgiveneſs by his precious Blood) and even of a moſt ſweet ſmelling Savour to God, far excelling the Legal and typical Oblations of Animals, as the Offerings and Blood of Bulls, Goats, Heifers, Sheep, Rams, Lambs, *&c.* all which Jeſus Chriſt by his own One Offering put an End unto.

Joh. 1. 29.

2. Jeſus Chriſt, as the Lamb of God, takes away the Sin of the World, by purging the Conſcience, and purifying the Hearts of all them who truly receive him and believe in him, even in his holy Name and divine Power.

Heb. 9. 14. & Ch. 10. 22, 23.

O! There-

O! Therefore, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away and putteth an End to Sin, finiſheth Tranſgreſſion and brings in Everlaſting Righteouſneſs. Dan. 9. 24.

Let us all look unto the promiſed Meſſiah, even unto Jeſus the Author and Finiſher of our Faith, that we all may believe in Heart unto Righteouſneſs, and the Salvation of our Souls, ſo as to be Partakers of Chriſt and his Righteouſneſs, that none may draw back to Perdition, nor into the World's Pollutions, who have eſcaped the ſame through the Knowledge of God and his dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, who is able and truly willing to ſave to the uttermoſt all them who come unto God by him. Heb. 12. 2. 2 Pet. 2. 20. Heb. 7. 25.

He who offered up himſelf a Lamb without Spot to God for all Mankind, and thereby became a Propitiation for the Sins of the whole World, never deſigned to leave Men in Sin and Tranſgreſſion all their Days, but to afford all Men Grace to lead them to true Repentance, that they might receive that Remiſſion, Forgiveneſs, *Atonement* and *Reconciliation* obtained for them. 1 Joh. 2. 2. Rom. 5. 11.

That God was in Chriſt reconciling the World to himſelf, not imputing their Sins unto them, but allowing and granting them Remiſſion upon true Repentance, was and is a Teſtimony and plain Indication of the great Love, Grace and Favour of God to

the World, in and through his dear Son. How wonderfully has God, in his great Wisdom, Love, Kindness, Meekness, Long-Suffering and Compassion, condescended to our low Capacities and Conditions of humane Race! For our Redemption and Salvation, by his dear Son Jesus Christ, truly considered both as he came and suffered in the Flesh, and as he is revealed in the Spirit. O Let the weighty Consideration of all these things deeply affect all our Hearts and Souls sincerely to love, serve, fear, worship and praise the Lord our most gracious God through Jesus Christ for ever!

It is to be seriously observed and remembred, that when Jesus Christ was about to take leave of his Disciples, he recommended 'em unto the Spirit of Truth the Comforter, which should testify of him and abide with them for ever; and that he would manifest himself to *him* that loved Him, and
Joh. 14 21. that in a little while they (*i. e.* his Disciples) should see Him, that is Christ Jesus; so though he went away in the Body, he would come again to them in Spirit.

Now, dear Friends, it being the *Holy Spirit* which testifies of our Lord Jesus Christ, and shews unto us *what* he takes of Christ, *He* (i. e. the Holy Spirit) *shall take of mine* (said Christ) *and shew it unto you.*

The holy Ghost takes, and shews unto us, the *most* excellent Properties of our great

great and glorious Mediator, his great Universal Love, Meekneſs, Humility and Compaſſion, that we may by degrees partake thereof, as we truly obey and follow him in the Manifeſtation of the ſame holy Spirit, whereby the Myſtery of Chriſt is revealed, in and unto the truly ſpiritually minded Believers in his Light, and thereby become the Children of the Light. Ephes. 3. 4, 5. Col. 1. 26, 27.

As our Lord Jeſus Chriſt hath, by his Sufferings, One Offering, Sacrifice and Death, put an End to all the Legal Offerings, Types, Shadowes and Figures, outward Ordinances, Rites and Ceremonies, *and divers Waſhings (or Baptiſms)* under the Law of *Moſes*, and Levitical Prieſthood, He continues a Prieſt for ever, after the Order of *Melchizedeck*, King of Righteouſneſs and King of Peace, *Our High Prieſt* over the Houſe and Family of God; He having conſecrated, prepared and opened the new and living Way of the New Covenant, thorow the Vail of his Fleſh, for our Acceſs into the moſt holy Sanctuary. Col. 2. 14. Heb. 9. 10.

Wherefore let us conſider, what great Love God in his divine Wiſdom has manifeſted, through his dear Son, for us and to us, (yea, toward the Children of Men) that we might have and know Acceſs into his everlaſting Covenant of Grace, Mercy and Peace, in and through his dear Son Jeſus Chriſt: Let us prize his great Love and Good-

Goodneſs for ever, in bringing *us into* a more glorious Diſpenſation than all the former Diſpenſations of the Law and *Shadows*, under which the Light was ſo *far vailed*, that the People of *Iſrael* (when the Vail was over their Heart) could not look to the End of thoſe Shadows and Vails, which were aboliſhed by Chriſt, but now vaniſhed and fled away, by the Sun of Righteouſneſs more *glorioufly* manifeſt and *brightly* Shining, in the new Covenant and ſpiritual Diſpenſation of Chriſt, than in all the former Diſpenſations; ſo that *Moſes*'s Face is unvailed in this Day, altho' God was pleaſed to afford his *Word*, his *Light* and Spirit to viſit the Children of Men, in all Generations ſince the Beginning, and even in the time of the Law and the Prophets; the Voice, the *Word* and Spirit of God were teſtified unto by *Moſes*, the holy Prophets and Servants of God, and the People warned and exhorted to obey the ſame, for Salvation and Peace; but in the *Day of Chriſt* and of the Goſpel *more clearly* manifeſt, and brightly ſhining than under the Legal Types and Shadows, which Jeſus Chriſt the Subſtance put an End to and aboliſhed: *Abraham* ſaw Chriſt's Day and rejoyced; and the Spirit of Chriſt in the holy Prophets teſtified aforehand, both of his Sufferings and of the Glory (of his Day) that ſhould follow.

2 Cor. 3. 13, 14, 15, 16.

1 Pet. 1. 11.

Now,

Now, dear Friends, the Goſpel-Day, the Day of Chriſt and of his Power being dawned, as in the primitive ſpiritual Chriſtians Days; after a long Night of Apoſtacy and Ignorance, the Day-ſpring (the Sunriſing) from on high having viſited us by the ſpiritual Coming again of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and affording us of his glorious Light and holy Spirit, let us all ſincerely obey and walk in the ſame, that we all may have and enjoy Life and Peace in Him, who has opened a living Way unto us into the new and everlaſting Covenant of Grace and Peace; and let us all continue therein.

The Diſpenſation of Chriſt is ſpiritual and glorious, which we are called unto, it is a Miniſtry of the Spirit, of Chriſt, of his Light and Spirit, and it muſt go over all the World and continue unto the End.

When the Lord had opened the Eyes of our Minds and Underſtandings, ſo as our Minds were turned from Darkneſs to the Light of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and from the Power of Satan to God, then we knew true Repentance, and that our true *Beginning*, in order to receive the true and ſpiritual Knowledge of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and true Chriſtianity, in the *Spirit* and not in the *Letter*, nor in fleſhly Obſervations, Elements or Rudiments of the World.

And

And it was by the ſame holy Spirit, that the Excellency of the Knowledge of
Phil. 3. 8, 9, 10. our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Fellowſhip of his Sufferings, came to be revealed and experienced by degrees *In us*, as we followed the ſame Spirit of Holineſs.

O what Excellency is in the true Knowledge of our bleſſed Lord Jeſus Chriſt! And unto what Poverty of Spirit and Loſs of all that is of Self muſt Men be reduced, to obtain this Knowledge, and to win Chriſt, and be found in him, according to the Confeſſion of the holy Apoſtle? *Phil.* 3.

And what Fellowſhip of Chriſt's Sufferings muſt Perſons be led into, if they be made conformable unto his Death, and come to have or enjoy the Righteouſneſs which is of God by Faith, even by the Faith of Chriſt? What then were Chriſt's Sufferings? Surely he hath born our Griefs and carried our Sorrows: He was *wounded* for our *Tranſgreſſions* and *bruiſed* for our *Iniquities*, and the *Chaſtiſement* of our Peace was upon him, he was *oppreſſed* and *afflicted*, &c. *Iſa.* 53.

Surely they who come truly into the Fellowſhip of Chriſt's Sufferings, it muſt be ſpiritually, by being ſenſibly burthened, grieved and ſorrowful, wounded and bruiſed, chaſtiſed and afflicted, for their own Tranſgreſſions and Iniquities, under the Reproofs and Chaſtiſements of the Spirit of the

the Lord Jesus Christ, unto true Repentance, Remission and Forgiveness of their *Iniquities*, through Christ that was wounded, bruised, yea, and crucified for them, tho' he never sinned: And in order to be made conformable unto his Death, we all must be crucified with him; Men must come under the Death of the Cross, and by the Power of Christ be baptized into his Death, having crucified the Flesh with the corrupt Affections and Lusts thereof, which they who are Christ's true Followers have done, *being risen* with him by the *Faith of the Operation of God.* Col. 2. 12.

Oh! Such a Suffering, Dying, Rising and Living with Christ, unto God, must needs be known and inwardly experienced in true Believers, by the Work of his Grace, and holy Spirit, which therefore we all ought diligently to follow and walk therein, that as we *all* have begun well, at the true Beginning, in the Spirit, we may hold on in Faithfulness unto a blessed End, and Crown of Righteousness.

Dear Friends, how precious is it to be Partakers of the *Excellency* of *the Knowledge of Christ Jesus, as our Lord*, through the Fellowship, Fruits and Benefit of his Sufferings, Mediation and Intercession! Let us for ever truly prize the great Love of God, so eminently manifest in his dear Son Jesus Christ, by his holy Spirit!

As

2 Cor. 5. 16. Ephes. 3. 5. As the true and saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ is only after the *Spirit* and not after the Flesh, and the glorious Mystery of Christ *in Men* revealed by the Spirit, so we ought all to be spiritually Minded, minding the divine Light and holy Spirit of Grace in our Hearts, and to know one another after the Spirit, in a spiritual Sense and Communion, that the Fellowship of this Mystery of Christ may be truly known and livingly increase among us, to the Glory of God and Honour of his beloved Son, and our universal Comfort and true Joy in him, who is the true God and Eternal Life.

I well remember, how in early Days, after we were truly convinced and received the blessed Truth in the Love and Simplicity thereof, and thereby led into Plainness of Speech and Habit, *&c.* we did in measure also outwardly partake of the Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings, by being reproached, opposed, contradicted and calumniated for his Name and Truth's sake, by the wicked and loose Professors and Profane: We resigned unto Obedience and bearing the Cross for his sake, who endured a more severe Cross for our sakes before us.

It was in the Love of the living Truth and Simplicity which is in Christ Jesus, through Obedience to him in his Light and Grace, that we became espoused unto Him: This Progress is not to be forgotten by any

ny, who would be betrothed in Righteouſneſs, true and conſtant Love unto Chriſt Jeſus, as our ſpiritual Head and Huſband, which he truly is unto his Church, or Myſtical Body.

O! My dear and beloved Friends, be retired inwardly, in your Minds and Spirits, unto the Light, the Grace, the *good Word* and Spirit of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt in you, that you may experience the *Holy Seed*, the *Word* of eternal Life and Grace, to grow and prevail more and more, unto an immortal Birth and holy Generation, as you become born thereof. 1 Pet. 1. 23.

And, dear Friends, I cannot but remember the Love of our Eſpouſals, and the Kindneſs of our Youth at the Beginning, and in early Days, and remind you thereof, when we as chaſte Virgins were therein eſpouſed unto Jeſus Chriſt, and when but a few in Number; and how ſincerely we loved one another, that we were one another's Joy in the Lord, who ſaid unto *Jeruſalem* of old, *I remember the Kindneſs of thy Youth, the Love of thine Eſpouſals, when thou wenteſt after me in the Wilderneſs, in a Land that was not ſown*, Jer. 2. 2. which was a low ſuffering State of deep Tryals: Oh! The firſt Love of our Eſpouſals ſhould never be impar'd, nor left, or forgotten, but for ever retained, or otherwiſe we cannot live to God nor proſper in a Chriſtian Life

Life *in Chriſt Jeſus*, or keep chaſte to him as his true Spouſe and Church of the firſt-Born written in Heaven.

Now, dear Friends, to come into (and live in) a true Chriſtian Love and Life, muſt be through a real *ſelf-Denial*, and taking up the daily Croſs, and following Chriſt Jeſus and his Example and Steps.

Math. 16. 24.

This ſelf-Denial muſt be a Debaſement and Denial of all proud conceited Self, that is exalted above others, in ſecret Pride abounding in one's own Sence, ſlighting and contemning others, and what other Evils and Corruptions perverſe ſelf is addicted unto, muſt all be denied and utterly rejected by all who come to embrace a humble Chriſtian Life and Condition.

This real Denial of Self will not allow any to excerciſe Lordſhip over God's Heritage, nor any ridged over-Ruling thereof, (though they ſhould pretend Elderſhip) but to be humble Examples to the Flock of Chriſt, and as fellow-Helpers in the Lord of the Younger, the Weak, the Feeble and Tender, ſo as not to quench any good Intentions or Deſires in any ſuch; and in all Humbleneſs of Mind, Meekneſs and Long-ſuffering, Forbearing (or Supporting) one another in Love, therein endeavouring for, and to keep, the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.

Epheſ. 4. 2, 3.

And

And as we are called by one Spirit into one true Light, Life and Love, let us all endeavour diligently in Humility to walk therein, that we may truly appear to be one peculiar People of God and Chriſt, one Church of the Firſt-born, one ſpiritual Society, and of one City ſet upon a Hill, fellow-Citizens with the Saints, ſet upon the holy Hill of *Sion*, ſhining in the Brightneſs thereof, in all holy Converſation, to the Glory of our God: For Eph. 2. 19.

Such is the bleſſed and glorious State of the true Church, the ſpiritual *Sion*, the heavenly *Jeruſalem*, which the Saints, the primitive Church of Chriſt and true Chriſtians of old were come unto, and alſo to Jeſus the Mediator of the New Covenant, whoſe Eyes the Lord had open'd, that they were turned from Darkneſs unto his Light, and thereby became Light in the Lord; and they were no more Forreigners, nor Strangers to the Commonwealth of *Iſrael*, who continued faithful, and true Believers in the Light. Hebr. 12. 22.

O! How great are the Priviledges and ſpiritual Bleſſings in Chriſt Jeſus, which his faithful Subjects and fellow-*Citizens* with the Saints partake of, even in this Life! And how much more in that to come, in his Kingdom of Glory and Triumph! Pſ. 46. 4. and 48. 1, 8. Pſ. 87. 3.

Sion and *Jeruſalem*, when *Iſrael*'s Solemnities of Worſhip were kept in the Temple there, as God had appointed under the Law, they were in great Splendour and Applauſe; typifying the true ſpiritual Church, or City of the Saints Solemnities under the Diſpenſation of Chriſt and his glorious Goſpel, *In whom* the moſt excellent and glorious Promiſes (to ſpiritual *Sion* and heavenly *Jeruſalem)* which are Yea and Amen, are fulfilled unto his Goſpel-Church: *The Lord loveth the Gates of* Sion *more than all the Dwellings of* Jacob: *Glorious things are ſpoken of thee, thou City of God*, Pſ. 87. Again, *Look upon* Sion, *the City of our Solemnities: Thine Eyes ſhall ſee* Jeruſalem *a quiet Habitation, and a Tabernacle that ſhall not be taken down*, &c. *Iſa.* 33. 20. This was not fulfilled upon earthly *Jeruſalem*, for that was taken down and laid waſte with the Temple and ſumptuous Buildings thereof, becauſe of the great Provocations, Iniquities and cruel Perſecutions of the *Jews*, againſt the Servants of the Lord, and even againſt the Son of God himſelf.

Now beloved Friends and Brethren, who are called out of Darkneſs into the true Light, and to be *fellow-Citizens* with the Saints in Light, of whom it may be ſaid, *Ye are come unto Mount*-Sion, *and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly* Jeruſalem, *&c.* Heb. 12. Walk in the Light of the

the holy City of God, whereof the Lord God and the Lamb is the Light, and wherein the Nations of them that are ſaved muſt walk; that Salvation may encompaſs you, and be as Walls and Bulwarks unto you, that the Enemy may not invade nor ſcatter you; that the Righteouſneſs of *Zion* and *Jeruſalem* may go forth as Brightneſs, and the Salvation thereof as a Lamp that burneth. Rev. 21. 23, 24. Iſa. 26. 1.

Wherefore, ariſe, O *Zion!* and ſhine, for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is riſen upon thee: Put on thy Strength, O *Zion!* Put on thy beautiful Garments, O *Jeruſalem!* the Holy City, *&c.* Iſa. 60. & 52.

Pray, you Friends, conſider what the beautiful Garments are, which the Inhabitants of the City of God muſt put on, and be cloathed withal in our *Sion* and *Jeruſalem*, the true ſpiritual Church? Muſt they not be ſuch as the holy Apoſtle exhorts to put on and deſcribes? Namely, *Now therefore as the Elect of God, holy and beloved, put on the Bowels of Mercies, Kindneſs, Humbleneſs of Mind, Meekneſs, long Suffering, Forbearing one another, and Forgiving one another, (if any Man hath a Complaint or Quarrel againſt another) even as Chriſt forgave, ſo do ye.* But firſt the filthy Garments muſt be put off, the old Man with his corrupt Luſts and evil Deeds, Col. 3. 12.

Isa. 64. 6. with all the filthy Rags of Self-Righteousness; these must be mortified and put off,
Col. 3. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10. and the Creature also devested of all it's own filthy Rags of Self-Righteousness, before it be invested with the beautiful Garments of *Sion*, or heavenly *Jerusalem*, the true Spouse of Christ Jesus, or married to the Lamb; therefore it greatly concerns all to follow him in the Work of Regeneration, the Work of Sanctification by his holy Spirit and Power, and therein believe, and sincerely obey him, for the perfecting of Holiness in the Fear of God, that Christ may be *formed In you*, and in his Life manifest in you;
Gal. 4. 19. all may shine forth as the called, chosen and faithful People of God, to your everlasting Peace in his dear Son, and to the Honour, the Glory and Renown of his great and excellent Name for ever.

I would further remind you of this weighty Exhortation, of the holy Apostle to the Church of Christ at *Colosse*, viz. *Above all*
Col 3. 14, 15. *these things put on Charity*, (i. e. *True Love*) *which is the Bond of Perfectness: And let the Peace of God rule in your Hearts, unto which ye are called in one Body, and be ye thankful.*

The Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and endue you with his holy Spirit of Grace, Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of the Mystery of Christ, that he may dwell in your Hearts by Faith, and by his

Power

Power you may be rooted and grounded in his Love, Grace and Peace more and more, to the Glory of his Name, and your everlasting Consolation and Joy in his heavenly Kingdom, Amen.

And now, dear Friends, let us consider the only begotten Son of God, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, and what Confession and Honour is given unto him in holy Scripture, both respecting his eternal Deity and perfect Manhood, and Coming therein manifestly in due time, which I mention in order to clear us (the People term'd *Quakers*) from the unjust Imputations of our Adversaries, one while with denying the *Divinity*, another while with denying the *Humaitny* of Christ, or both, as some have done; and to prevent all Occasions of Doubts or Disputes about the same Matter, I refer you and all concerned to the Scriptures following, *viz.*

Isa. 7. 14. *The Lord himself shall give you a Sign, Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a SON, and shall call his Name IMMANUEL.*

A Prophecy of Jesus Christ, respecting his Birth of the Virgin, as a *Man Child*, and his being *Emanuel*, God with us, or *In us.* *Observ.*

Isa. 9. 6. *For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given, and the Government shall be upon his Shoulder, and his Name shall be called*

Wonderful Counſellor, the Mighty God, the Everlaſting Father, the Prince of Peace: Of the Increaſe of his Government and Peace there ſhall be no End.

Obſerv. An excellent Prophecy and Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, reſpecting his Birth as a Manchild, and his divine Wiſdom and Deity, as Mighty God, the Everlaſting Father, *&c.*

Mic. 5. 2. and Mat. 1. 23. and 2. 1. *But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the Thouſands of Judah, yet out of thee ſhall He come forth unto me, that ſhall be Ruler in Iſrael, whoſe Goings forth have been from of Old, from Everlaſting.*

Obſerv. Shewing that Chriſt Exiſted, as to his *Divinity*, before he was born in *Bethlehem* in *Judah.*

Joh. 1 Ch. to Ver. 14. *In the Beginning was the* WORD, *and the Word was with God, and the Word was God: The ſame was in the Beginning with God; all things were made by Him,* &c. Read to Ver. 14. *And the Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his Glory, as the Glory of the* ONLY BEGOTTEN *of the Father full of Grace and Truth.*

Rom. 1. 3, 4. —*Concerning his* Son Jeſus Chriſt, *which was made of the Seed of* David *according to the Fleſh, and declared to be the Son of God with Power according to the Spirit of Holineſs, by the Reſurrection from the*

the Dead: And Rom. 9. 5. *Whoſe are the Fathers,* (ſpeaking of *Iſraelites) and of whom as concerning the Fleſh,* CHRIST *came, who is over all,* God bleſſed for ever.

Hence, that Jeſus Chriſt his being truly *Man* and the *Son of God, and God over all,* thus declared: 1*ſt,* Reſpecting his *Manhood,* 'tis ſaid of him, *Luke* 2. Ch. *And the Child grew and waxed ſtrong in Spirit, and was filled with Wiſdom, and the Grace of God was with him:* And when twelve Years old, and found in the Temple among the Doctors, hearing them and aſking them Queſtions, *All that heard him were aſtoniſhed at his Underſtanding and Anſwers,* Luk. 2. V. 40, 42, 46, 47. and Ver. 52. *And Jeſus increaſed in Wiſdom and Stature, and in Favour with God and Men:* [O wonderful Child! And moſt excellent heavenly Man!] He has left us a bleſſed Example, in order to follow him, and to grow in his Grace and Wiſdom, by the Help of his holy Spirit and Power. *Obſerv.*

Conſider alſo, That by the wonderous Works and Miracles, that Chriſt wrought on Earth by the Power of God, he had great Adoration and Honour in many Hearts; and ſo do his great and ſpiritual Cures, which (by his divine Light and Power) he has wrought and worketh on many Souls in this Day: Glory and Ho-

nour to his Name for ever: See *Pſ.* 10. 3. and 146. 7. *Iſa.* 42. 6, 7. *Joh.* 11. 25, 26. *Epheſ.* 2. 1, &c.

There's no Cauſe to queſtion, Chriſt the *Son of God* (whom he hath highly Exalted) his having *a Name given* Him above *every Name*, *Whereunto every Knee ſhall bow*, &c: *Phil.* 2. 9. Surely, The *Mighty God* or *God over All*, &c. is a *Name*, yea, a Power divine, above *Every* other *Name*.

Epheſ. 3. 9. Coloſ. 1. 16. *And to make all Men ſee what is the Fellowſhip of the Myſtery, which from the Beginning of the World hath been hid in God, who* **created** *All Things by Jeſus Chriſt:* Coloſ. 1. 16. *For by him were All Things* **created**, *that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, viſible and inviſible*, &c.

Obſerv. As God created all things in Heaven and in Earth, viſible and inviſible, *&c.* by Jeſus Chriſt; this beſpeaks his being the Eternal Wiſdom, Power and *Word* of God, *Joh.* 1. 3. *Rev.* 19. 13.

See likewiſe *Heb.* 1. 1, 2. *God who at ſundry times, and in divers Manners, ſpake in time paſt unto the Fathers by the Prophets, hath in theſe laſt Days ſpoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed Heir of All Things, by whom alſo* **he made the** WORLDS.

Obſerv. Then the Son of God was before the Worlds were made; to which agrees, *Heb.* 11. 3. *Through Faith we underſtand, that the*

the WORLDS *were framed by The* WORD *of God.*

See also, *Joh.* 5. 21, 22, 23. *As the Father raiſeth up the Dead, and quickeneth them; Even ſo the* SON *quickeneth whom he will: For the Father judgeth no Man; but hath committed all Judgment unto the* SON, *that all Men ſhould* Honour *the* SON, **even as they honour the** FATHER: *He that honoureth not the* SON, *honoureth not the Father which hath ſent Him.*

How can any ſo honour the *Son*, who count him *only* a *meer Man?* *Obſerv. Quer.*

Joh. 17. 5. *And now, O Father! Glorify thou me, with thine own ſelf, with the Glory which I had with thee before the World was.*

Theſe were Chriſt's own Words and Teſtimony, in his Prayer to the Father. *Note.*

See 1 *Joh.* 5. 20. How [*The True God and Eternal Life*] is aſcribed to the Son as well as to the Father, who are *One*, Joh. 10. 30.

It is alſo obſerveable, The Children of *Iſrael, who were all baptized unto* Moſes, *in the Cloud and in the Sea*, That *they did all eat the ſame ſpiritual Meat, and did all drink of the ſame ſpiritual drink, for they drank of the ſpiritual Rock that followed them*, (or, went with them) *and that Rock was* CHRIST, 1 Cor. 10. 2, 3, 4.

And this was long before Chriſt came in the Fleſh; ſurely Chriſt was and is the Rock *Obſerv.*

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of Ages, and Foundation of many Generations, both before and after his Coming in the Flesh.

Now dear and well-beloved Friends, for as much as (ever since a People) we have believed in *Christ* as the *True Light*, and his *Coming* in the *Flesh*; these Scripture-Testimonies of Him (as to his *Divinity* and *Manhood*) are recited rather in Defence of our Christian Faith and Holy Profession, against our Adversaries (unjustly rendring us no Christians) than to suppose any Deficiency on your Parts relating thereunto.

The Lord be with you all, and possess your Hearts with his dear Love and divine Wisdom in Christ Jesus.

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